

Broadcast media are the primary means by which the citizenry learns about those issues essential to making intelligent decisions within a democracy. The concentration of media ownership is the greatest threat to the survival of American democracy. Huge corporations, such as Viacom, General Electric and ClearChannel already control most of the news, as well as broadcast entertainment. Under no circumstances should the current rules be relaxed. Indeed, the rules should be tightened and the procedures available to citizens under the former "Fairness Doctrine" should be reinstated.